



## **JCSU Executive Committee Meeting**

*February 22nd in the Prioress' Room*

**In attendance (18)**: the President (Jezz Brown, *in the chair*), the Vice-President (Bella Manfredi), the Treasurer (Tom Brookes), the Secretary (Bella Rawson), the Freshers' Officers (Krish Nanavati and Mia Barnes), the Communications Officer (Lewis Westwood Flood), the Ethnic and Religious Minorities Officer (Esther Anthony-Ajileye), the Access Officer (Julio Bernucci), the Women's and Non-Binary Officer (Izzy Despositos), the College Council Representative (Issy Kaufmann), the Services Officer (Florence Lazenby), the Environmental and Ethical Affairs Officer (Kefeshe Bernard), the LGBTQ+ Officer (Yuval Weiss), the International Students' Officer (Ines Shammah), the President of the May Ball Committee (Rohit Kale, *at the invitation of the Chair*)

**Apologies (1)**: the Mental Health and Disabilities Officer (Maddie Mitchell),

**Absent (2)**: the Ents Officers (Olly Doggett and Billy Hughes)

### **One Minute Summary**

- Discussion with the May Ball President about accessibility of the May Ball and how students not attending will be provided with alternative accommodation. The committee is actively exploring it, and provisions will be put in place.
- New societies previously approved by the JCSU will receive £50 worth of funding each.
- JCSU will take an educational role in the SU's Reading Week Referendum, providing resources and impartial information to students and encouraging voting
- Students will be allowed to work in a student run bar in the Brewery Room, with more information coming soon.

***Please note***: the following minutes aim to capture the spirit of what was said, as opposed to verbatim documentation.

## **Minutes**

Meeting opened: 19:08

### **1.0 -- Approval of the [draft minutes from 15.02.2022](#)**

**The committee APPROVED the draft minutes as the official record.**

## 2.0 - Questions to President of Jesus May Ball Re: Accessibility

- **Jezz:** Rohit is here to discuss May Ball Accessibility, particularly the issue of students being removed from their accommodation 6pm to 6am.
- **Rohit:** Rationale is that college becomes a venue for the night, and we need to know who is in the college at any one time. Difficult to keep track if rooms are open, can become dangerous. College have said it would be nice if students could stay in rooms, but students could then enter the ball for free as we can't lock the doors with people inside rooms.
- **Rohit:** There are some mitigating things for those with access issues that mean some people physically can't leave their room. Should be a very small number of people affected anyway, trying to work out what they can do in that case. No fixed solution yet, need to work with Tutorial office but will minimise impact as much as possible.
- **Jezz:** in terms of moving people from A to B - issue of accessibility for those with financial and physical concerns. Don't want people who are priced out of the May Ball to have to spend lots on alternative accommodation. Would it be possible to put people in west court accommodation and then close the interior access via the college?
- **Rohit:** issue is spare rooms - contractors get accommodation. Also using West Court until 8pm for priority and dining tickets. Still something we can discuss and look at. Current intention is to lock entirely for a security standpoint.
- **Jezz:** financial issue needs to be looked at though because hotel prices are ridiculous.
- **Flo:** could we ask people outside of college to offer their room for the night?
- **Ines:** scheme with anyone in a house to offer up and hope that enough spaces are available.
- **Jezz:** would rather college themselves did it, don't want to put burden on students.
- **Rohit:** should know within 2 weeks who we need to accommodate for.
- **Jezz:** continue to have a conversation, Flo will liaise with Rohit if college not going to offer anything.

## 3.0 - New Society Funding

### *Treasurer*

*“That the JCSU Executive Committee **APPROVES** the budget estimate amendments made by the Treasurer, as required by Article 5.4(4), as annexed.”*

- **Tom:** meeting with Jenny, but no vote last week to confirm. They're allowing us to allocate an extra fifty pounds to new societies.
- **Jezz:** if we are on the trajectory to underspend, can we start moving around now? If only fifty given, might not look great.
- **Julio:** you can take my budget, not even sure what it's for/
- **Bella R:** before we start cutting budgets, can we determine what they're for? Because slashing a 400 pound budget, it's obviously there for a reason, so shall we just confirm that first?
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- **Jezz:** VP budget definitely free though so could come from there. Commit to 50 today, then look into other budgets and then increase next week.

**Resolution adopted without opposition.**

#### **4.0 - CSU Meeting Updates**

*Vice-President*

- **Bella M:** votes on Ubus and mid term break. Ubus went through. Anything to vote on in the last meeting of term, will ask you guys first. Lots on strikes - but almost over.

**The committee resolved to move forward in the meeting without an access break.**

#### **5.0 - CSU Reading Week/Mid-Term Break Proposal**

*Vice-President*

- **Jezz:** want an official JCSU stance on it.
- **Bella M:** mid term break is SU's 'reading week' with different name in week 5. Cut a few days at start and end of term, same time in Cambridge, no work gets set. SU is going to do a referendum. JCSU didn't support last year as unsure how feasible it will be, in relation to compaction and more supervisions.
- **Lewis:** JCSU last year took a values based approach. JCSU should take an education approach, not a stance.
- **Jezz:** be clear about giving out educational material ONLY. Impartial take, we put the information somewhere, tell people to look and vote.

- **Lewis:** make it clear that if you don't vote but you do oppose it, then there's no route to complaint.

## 6.0 - Any Other Business [AOB]

*Any business not raised before the meeting may be raised by an Officer under this agenda point for a lengthier discussion. Points raised during the meeting may also be deferred to this point by the Secretary or President.*

- **Jezz:** College's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion committee opening another seat to a student. Suggest Yuval, inclusion officers can discuss. Ultimately shouldn't matter exactly who it is because the member represents everyone's views. Wait until Maddie is able to speak on it because she may also have a lot to contribute.
- **Jezz:** Want to look at better ballot options. Flo is already looking into this. Downing have an algorithm, where students fill in a questionnaire that assesses priorities.
- **Flo:** What do you think's the main problem here?
- **Ines:** it's not unfair, it's inconvenient because you should have equal rights to get a long lease or a short lease or whatever you want.
- **Jezz:** we just want to commit to looking at alternatives.
- **Bella M:** Maddie and I looked at it, college didn't want anything to do with us. There are worse systems, and college did have reasons for not wanting to implement the algorithmic system. Maddie has a lot of ideas, but college feel that the system is good.
- **Tom:** trying to persuade college to pay for an algorithm is going to be impossible.
- **Flo:** it's also subjective what's better
- **Jezz:** bartending in the Brewery room. Current proposal is exclusively students based, including holidays.
- **Tom:** seems too generous?
- **Jezz:** it becomes 'ours' in October so we can change things, for now we can use the room as much as we like. Opposition to college in employing students, too much administrative burden. Paying drinks via the bar. JCSU would need to pay any difference that arose from sales.

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- **Lewis:** Have to expect having loss nights, so it might not balance out.
- **Jezz:** we are responsible for x amount of alcohol, can sell x amount, if anything goes missing, we are responsible for paying for it. But not if we don't sell, it goes back to the college.
- **Krish:** so do Undergrads take the responsibility to stop serving? So no one will get in trouble?
- **Jezz:** we would be monitored by the bar staff, and they would take on the liability.
- **Lewis:** push to next week. And someone chase up colleges who have experience of student bar work.
- **Julio:** JumpStart - graduates get involved in start ups. Companies will pitch you, you get interview prep, then you can interview for it. They want us to advertise it.

Meeting closed: 20:11